के अनुसार शेष 15% निधियां मध्य स्तरीय पंचायतों तथा 70% निधियां ग्राम पंचायतों के बीच आबंटित की जाती है।

(ख) ऐसी कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Funding Pattern for Sub-Mission Project

2397. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently changed the funding pattern for Sub-Mission Project (SMP) for floride/Brackish water affected habitation from 75:25 to 50:50 (between Centre and States);

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that decision will inflict a severe flow to the States like Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan; and

(c) whether Government are going to supplement the affected States with the funds in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) Issues related to water quality are addressed through the Sub-Mission of the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission. There are five such Sub-Mission (on the control of Brackishness, Guneaworm Eradication, Removal of Excess Iron, control of Flourosis, control of Arsenic and sustainability). Prior to 1.4.98, individual schemes from the states were approved/ funded by the Government of India.

However, keeping in view the need to accord greater flexibility to the states in the use of central funds, powers to sanction such schemes have been delegated to the States/UTs w.e.f. 1.4.98 and the funds hiher to earmarked for this purpose merged with the ARWSP funds.

Further in order to ensure that adequate attention is given to quality issues, States/UTs, are to utilise upto 20% of the total enhanced corpus to address water quality issue. The States/UTs have also been empowerd to go beyond this ceiling in certain cases.

Operation and maintenance of Drinking Water Systems

2398. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given Rs. seven crores to State Governments to train people for operation and maintenance of drinking water systems;

(b) whether Government gets feedback from States regarding the number of people trained in each State; and

(c) if so, the number of people trained in each State so far during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No Sir. financial assistance is given by the Central Government to the States for training on the basis of the project submitted by each State.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Safe Drinking Water in Karnataka

2399. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 2304 habitations in Karnataka where there is no source of potable water provided by Government within a radius of 1.6 km.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the mesures Government propose to take to provide safe drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Drinking water being a State subject the Central Government only supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing funds by way of 100% grants-in-aid. However, as per the action plan prepared by the State Government of Karnataka all habitations in the State are to be provided with drinking water facilities during the Ninth Plan period subject to availability of funds.

Employment opportunities in Rural Areas

2400. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the non-availability of the employment opportunities in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the policy formulation by Government to create more employment opportunities for the educated unemployed youth in the rural areas and to check their migration to cities;

(c) the percentage of the educated unemployed rural youth to whom employment has been provided, so far, under the said policy; and

(d) the present population of the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The approach paper to Ninth Five Year Plan has recognised the generation of greater productive employment as one of the primary objectives and it is sought to be achieved in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment. The Ministry for Rural Areas & Employment is implementing the following programmes to create self-employment and wage-employmet opportunities for rural poor including educated unemployed youth:—

1. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY)

2. Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)

3. Million Wells Scheme (MWS)

4. Training of Rural Development Programme (IRDP)

5. Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM)

6. Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA)

Under EAS, an assurance is provided to give 100 days of employment during lean agricultural season to all able-bodied adults in manual work in rural areas who are in need and desirous of work but cannot find it in other Government programmes.

(c) The coverage of educated unemployed rural youth under different programmes of this Ministry is not being monitored separately.

(d) The total rural population as on 1st March, 1997 as per the report of the Expert Group on Population is estimated to be 688.33 million.

Development of Backward Tribal Districts of Bihar

2401. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated plans for the development of certain backward tribal districts of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes and the total expenditure proposed for each programmes; and

(c) the time by which these schemes are likely to be implemented?